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FOR: Improvements In or Relating to
Environmental Enrichment of
Caged Animals

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 - 1.98, submitted herewith is a copy of form PTO-1449, and copies of the references identified thereon. Also submitted herewith is a copy of the British Search Report, which brought the references to the attention of the applicants.

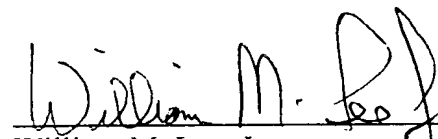
Neither of the references is deemed pertinent to the claims, as they are presently cast in the present application. US. Patent number 5,797,350 seems to have nothing relevant to the present application as it is directed to a item of cage furniture that is perceived as being darkened or opaque both by a caged rodent and a human observer. Although no translation has been

obtained, the French reference appears to be of doubtful relevance because it is directed to an enclosure for insects, which has no pertinence to a cage for animals.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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